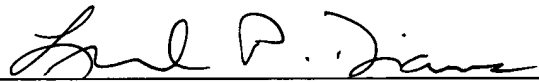


REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 19, 22, 23 and 26 being in independent form. Claims 3, 4, 7-18 and 27 have been amended to avoid multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

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